

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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POLLUTION CAUSED BY OSWAL CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

the immediate measures taken /to be taken to save the people around Oswal Chemical and Fertilizers, Paradeep from the Hazardous effluents of the factory and settle the matter once and for all as it is causing irreparable damage to the environment by leakage of Ammonia and other hazardous effluents thus endangering the lives of thousand of people, cattlehead and crops there?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

The Oswal Chemical and Fertilizers, Paradeep has been served notices and directions from time to time by Orissa State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) to prevent disposal of effluent and leakage of ammonia. The industry was closed down in February 2003 and after having taken steps to control pollution , the industry was allowed in July 2003 on trial run for a period of three months. However , after a gas leakage in September 2003, the operations were again suspended. Presently, the industry is operating on a trial run, after adopting adequate measures, under the supervision of OSPCB.